

I am the Co-chair of a group of Delaware Valley citizens called the Friends of Classical Radio. This group arose when the classical commercial radio station WFLN, 95.7 F.M. in Philadelphia went off the air and was replaced by the new owner, Greater Media. The station, which had been profitable and well received in Philadelphia went through 5 sales from the time in 1996 with the passage of the Telecommunications Act until its last sale to Greater Media. Each sale was higher than the last: \$from 11 Million to the last sale of \$44 million. When the classical format went "dark", I put out petitions to the public, and I have 15,000 names decrying the demise of the classical station. Where is the people's interest in the further deregulation? Our rights are being attenuated. The airwaves should be free available for the enjoyment of divers interests and belong to many owners representing the general good of the populace; they should not be the sole property of a handful of owners who broadcast the same limited format in the same area, so that they can have economies of scale.